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SUBJ: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS (NPW) VISITS TO MEXICO
REF: A. MEXICO 21360 (DTG 271706Z DEC 77)
B. CNO LETTER SER 616/254556 OF 29 DEC 77 (NOTAL)

1. BACKGROUND. REFTEL A PROVIDED DETAILS OF MEETING ON 19 DEC BETWEEN ALUSNA, EMBASSY OFFICER AND AMBASSADOR MANUEL BARTLETT, DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL AFFAIRS, SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF NPW VISITS IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR, PROPOSED USS SCAMP VISIT TO ENSENADA 02 FEB TO 06 FEB 78. IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL A IT WAS REQUESTED THAT CNO PROVIDE ALUSNA WITH A COPY OF THE "STANDARD STATEMENT". BY REFERENCE B, CNO PROVIDED THE "STANDARD STATEMENT", AND THREE ADDITIONAL ENCLOSURES; PL 93-513 OF 6 DEC 74, REPORT BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY OF 16 OCT 74 AND E.O. 11918 OF 1 JUN 76. THE THREE ADDITIONAL ENCLOSURES WERE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM CNO THAT IN THE EVENT GOM RAISES THE ISSUE OF LIABILITY, STATE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE ON APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, WHICH MAY INCLUDE PRESENTATION OF THESE ENCLOSURES TO GOM. END BACKGROUND.

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2. ON 24 JAN, AMBASSADOR BARTLETT CALLED ALUSNA TO ADVISE

THAT BECAUSE HE WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS INVOLVED WITH THE COORDINATION OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT TO MEXICO, AND BECAUSE THE ISSUE OF VISITS OF NUCLEAR POWERED SHIPS TO MEXICAN PORTS WAS VERY COMPLICATED, THAT TO DATE, HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO COORDINATE OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF 9 DEC 77 WITH ALL OTHER GOM AGENCIES CONCERNED.

3. WHEN PRESSED BY ALUSNA, AMBASSADOR BARTLETT STATED THAT HE WAS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT SCAMP VISIT WOULD NOT BE APPROVED, BUT IN ANY CASE HE WOULD INSURE THAT DIPLOMATIC NOTE WOULD BE ANSWERED FORMALLY PRIOR TO 02 FEB. WHEN PRESSED FURTHER AS TO PROVIDING MORE SPECIFICS IN THE EVENT VISIT IS DECLINED (PARA 6 REFTEL A) BARTLETT SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY, BUT WITH THE "COMPLEX COORDINATION" REQUIRED WITH OTHER GOM AGENCIES, THAT THIS MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE IN THE SHORT TIME REMAINING. AFTER TODAY'S CONVERSATION WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT SCAMP VISIT WILL BE DISAPPROVED AND THE GOM REPLY WILL PROBABLY BE ALMOST AS NEBULOUS AS THE LAST.

4. BASED ON THE FOREGOING, AND IF THE SCAMP VISIT IS DISAPPROVED, THERE ARE TWO COURSES OF ACTION THAT CAN BE TAKEN WITH REGARD TO NPW VISITS:

ONE - WE CAN APPROACH THE ISSUE ON A BROAD BASIS OF FOCUSING ON THE ISSUE, AND TRYING TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM
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BEFORE REQUESTING ANOTHER VISIT, OR

TWO - WE CAN CONTINUE TO REQUEST VISITS, PREFERABLY TWO TO THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE, TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR GOM INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION, AND STILL HOLD GOM TO A SPECIFIC DEADLINE FOR AN AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE REPLY AND REASONS THEREFORE, IF THE REPLY IS NEGATIVE. WE NOTE THAT IN SCAMP CASE WE GAVE FOREIGN RELATIONS FIVE TO SIX WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE.

THE LATTER APPROACH WILL AT LEAST ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR A REPLY, AND IF A REPLY IS NEGATIVE WE WILL HOPEFULLY OBTAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHT AS TO WHAT THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROBLEM(S) ARE, WHERE WITHIN GOM THE PROBLEM(S) LIE AND FOCUS ON THEM ACCORDINGLY.

5. IF THE SCAMP VISIT IS CANCELLED, REQUEST ADVISE WHICH APPROACH IS DESIRED AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR PRESENTATION OF THE LATTER THREE ENCLOSURES TO REFERENCE B AT THE APPROPRIATE POINT(S) IN TIME.

6. WE WILL TRY AND OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR

BARTLETT PRIOR TO 02 FEB AND OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS.
IN THE MEANTIME, ALUSNA HAS A PRIVATE DINNER SCHEDULED
WITH THE MEXICAN NAVAL OFFICER ON THE PRESIDENTIAL STAFF
(PARA 7 REFTTEL A) ON 28 JAN. IF THIS OFFICER HAS
KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ISSUE HAVING REACHED THAT LEVEL, HE CAN
BE DEPENDED UPON TO PROVIDE DETAILS. IF NOT HE MAY BE
ABLE TO DETERMINE SPECIFICALLY WHERE AND WITH WHOM THE
DIFFICULTY LIES. IF HE CAN DETERMINE THAT, HE CAN ALSO
BE DEPENDED UPON TO PROVIDE THAT INFO TO ALUSNA. LUCEY.

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